



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 568

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning Benefits For Survivors Of Municipal Employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes, as amended
2 by section 25 of public act 99-240 and section 52 of public act 99-241, is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and
5 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group
6 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for
7 (1) state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect
8 coverage under such plan or plans, (3) employees of the Connecticut
9 Institute for Municipal Studies established by section 1-135, (4)
10 participants in an alternate retirement program who meet the service
11 requirements of section 5-162 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (5)
12 anyone receiving benefits under section 5-144, as amended, or from
13 any state-sponsored retirement system, except the teachers' retirement
14 system and the municipal employees retirement system, (6) judges of
15 probate and Probate Court employees, (7) the surviving spouse, until
16 remarriage, and any dependent children until they reach the age of
17 eighteen, of a member of an organized local police department or a
18 constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies as
19 the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of such
20 officer's or constable's employment and not as the result of illness or

21 natural causes, [and] (8) employees of the Capital City Economic
22 Development Authority established by section 32-601, as amended,
23 and (9) any employee of a municipality who dies on or after October 1,
24 2000, as the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of
25 such employee's employment and not as the result of illness or natural
26 causes, and whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not
27 otherwise eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical
28 insurance plan. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" means
29 any regular employee or elective officer receiving pay from a
30 municipality, and "municipality" means any town, city, borough,
31 school district, taxing district, fire district, district department of
32 health, probate district, housing authority, regional work force
33 development board established under section 31-3k, as amended, flood
34 commission or authority established by special act or regional
35 planning agency. The minimum benefits to be provided by such plan
36 or plans shall be substantially equal in value to the benefits which each
37 such employee or member of the General Assembly could secure in
38 such plan or plans on an individual basis on the preceding first day of
39 July. The state shall pay for each such employee and each member of
40 the General Assembly covered by such plan or plans the portion of the
41 premium charged for such member or employee's individual coverage
42 and seventy per cent of the additional cost of the form of coverage and
43 such amount shall be credited to the total premiums owed by such
44 employee or member of the General Assembly for the form of such
45 member or employee's coverage under such plan or plans. On and
46 after January 1, 1989, the state shall pay for anyone receiving benefits
47 from any such state-sponsored retirement system one hundred per
48 cent of the portion of the premium charged for such member or
49 employee's individual coverage and one hundred per cent of any
50 additional cost for the form of coverage. The balance of any premiums
51 payable by an individual employee or by a member of the General
52 Assembly for the form of coverage shall be deducted from the payroll
53 by the State Comptroller. The total premiums payable shall be remitted
54 by the Comptroller to the insurance company or companies or
55 nonprofit organization or organizations providing the coverage. The

56 amount of the state's contribution per employee for a health
57 maintenance organization option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and
58 cents, to the largest amount of the contribution per employee paid for
59 any other option which is available to all eligible state employees
60 included in the health benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed
61 the amount of the health maintenance organization premium.

PS Committee Vote: Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS